



Ice Prevention

Minimize use of salt or de-icing materials and store salt where it will be protected from precipitation.

Proper Storage of Materials

Store where spills can be prevented and rain will not disperse the material or become contaminated.

Management of Waste Materials in Dumpsters

Cover dumpster and make sure there are no leaks or spills. Do not throw away hazardous waste.

Thank you for reading!

About Us

For more information, check out
Windham's online resources:

[https://windhamnh.gov/450/Stormwater
-Management](https://windhamnh.gov/450/Stormwater-Management)

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Town of Windham

Storm Water

For

“Businesses”





Building Maintenance

- Cover and contain housekeeping operations, to prevent chemicals from entering storm drains.
- Clean up spills.
- Collect water from pressure washing or cleaning paint brushes and dispose to a sanitary sewer.

Lawn Chemical Use

Pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers can get blown into waterways, which can lead to algae growth and dead spots.

- The best time to use these products is in the fall (dry season).
- Don't use on hard surfaces.
- Use non-water-soluble products.

On-Site Filtration Benefits

- Runoff receives treatment, to help filter out chemicals, bacteria, and debris, instead of entering surface waters.
- Slows down runoff reducing erosion.
- Helps preserve water quality, aquatic habitat, and organisms.
- Prevents contaminated water from flowing to another watershed area.

Management Techniques:

- Direct water to more permeable areas.
- Detain water to allow infiltration.
- Intercept and hold rainwater.
- Keep up with maintenance activities – mowing and inspections after rain events.

Pool Draining

- First dechlorinate the water and bring the pH to neutral (6-8).
- Drain your swimming pool slowly.
- Drain onto lawn, to allow the soil to act as a natural filter.
- If you have a salt water pool, drain in increments and pour fresh water onto the lawn after draining.



Manage Parking Lot Surfaces

- Sweep parking lot and dispose of debris.
- Plant greenery around parking lot.

Proper Car Care & Activities

- Work on cars in a maintained area.

Car Washing

When cars are washed on paved surfaces, the excess water sheet flows to the nearest catch basin. The water then carries the soap chemicals, metals, oils, and other contaminants that are washed off your car directly into Windham's water bodies.

What can you do?

- Wash the car on the lawn or gravel.
- Direct excess water towards grass or other permeable surfaces and avoid drains.
- Use a biodegradable soap.

